



**County of San Diego
Department of the Alternate Public Defender
110 West "C" Street, Suite 1100
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Volunteer position description:

Volunteer Lawyers: criminal law, juvenile dependency, and juvenile delinquency

The program provides exposure to all types of felony and juvenile cases, as well as providing 'real life' experience on how to defend cases.

Attorneys who are admitted to California Bar may be able to appear in court.

Typical activities of a Volunteer Lawyer:

1. Write motions including those for:
 - speedy trial
 - discovery
 - severance
 - confession suppression
 - expungement
 - motion to dismiss
 - motion to suppress evidence
 - statements in mitigation/motion to strike priors
2. Assist supervising lawyer on case preparation, including making supervised court appearances
3. Perform legal research, conduct client interviews
4. Work with investigators and experts
5. Assist with preparation for plea bargaining, trials and sentencing
6. Investigate sentencing alternatives and post-conviction relief

Training: New volunteers receive training in motion writing, and periodic reviews, as needed.

Commitment: Volunteer Attorneys are expected to make a minimum time commitment of at least 10 hours per week for three months.

For more information, contact Rick Siref, Coordinator Volunteer Services (619) 446-2900.